

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION LICENSING GUIDE

OVERVIEW:

The registered dental hygienist specialty license type allows a licensee under the direct supervision of a dentist, to administer intraoral block and infiltration anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia, or both, to a patient 18 years of age or older.

NOTE: The content contained below is a general overview of licensing requirements. Links to access the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules for this profession can be found at the end of this guide.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST (Listed below are the minimum requirements needed to obtain a Registered Dental Hygienist Specialty Certification License.)

APPLICATION AND FEES

- ☐ Online Application for a Registered Dental Hygienist Specialty Certification License - Complete all fields, answer all questions and upload any supporting documentation.
 - ☐ Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPlus Login**, select **Licenses**, select **Modification** next to your license number, and then select Dental Hygienist Specialty Application.
 - ☐ Application Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit or debit card.): Registered Dental Hygienist Specialty Certification – \$10.00 for each specialty certification (Nitrous Oxide or Local Anesthesia)
- Once obtained, the specialty certification does not need to be renewed. If your dental hygienist license lapses and is then relicensed, your specialty certification(s) will be reinstated at the time of relicensure.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS (EXCEPT RENEWAL)

NOTE: You must be issued your registered dental hygienist license prior to applying for any registered dental hygienist specialty.

NOTE: If you apply for both the local anesthesia and nitrous oxide specialty certifications at the same time, the specialties will NOT be issued until all requirements for both specialties have been met.

- ☐ Submit certification of completion of a course in Local Anesthesia Administration Training and/or Nitrous Oxide Analgesia Training offered by a dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA). Documentation must be sent directly from the school to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- ☐ Submit proof of current certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.
- ☐ Provide proof of passing a state or regional board administered written examination in in local anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide within 18 months after completion of the required course work. If you have not taken the examination, contact the CDCA-WREB-CITA by visiting their website at www.cdcaexams.org.

HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- ☐ By visiting www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and clicking on the dentistry link you can access the following helpful resources and forms.

Resources:

- [Michigan Public Health Code](#)
- [Administrative Rules for Dentistry](#)